*In addition, 124 cases involving seizure of smuggled goods valued Rs. 49.58 crores were also registered within Bombay Port and Airport limits by officers of Bombay Customs Preventive Collectorate.

(b) and (c). Four Customs officers of Delhi Customs Collectorate were found involved in the smuggling activities. They were arrested and detained under the provisions of law. Departmental disciplinary and adjudication proceedings have also been initiated against the Government officers.

[*English*]

Insurance Scheme for Motor Vehicles

5074. SHRI V. SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to introduce one time payment insurance scheme for Motor Vehicles;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (c). The long-term policy involving one time payment of insurance premium in respect of two wheelers only, has already been introduced with effects from 1st August, 1991. The Scheme is restricted to 'Act Liability' Cover only and is voluntary at the option of the insured. The policy remains in force so long as registration of the vehicle is valid. A single premium varying from Rs. 176/- to Rs. 390/- for vehicles upto 250 C.C. and Rs. 220/- to Rs. 488/- for vehicles above 250 C.C., depending on the age of the vehicle, is collected from the insured in advance.

Value of Rupee

5075. SHRI V. SOBHANAREESWARA RAO VADDE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the value of a rupee at present treating 1947 as a base year; and

(b) the reasons for downward trend in value of rupee?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) and (b). The value of a rupee measured as the reciprocal of consumer price index for industrial workers treating 1947 as base year, is 6 paise.

The downward trend in value of rupee is attributed to the increase in prices over the years on account of supply and demand imbalances in essential commodities such as cereals, pulses, edible oils, fuels, light and lubricants, etc. Domestic production could not keep pace with growth of population and shortfalls in domestic supply could not be met through imports on account of difficult balance of payments position. Large and persistent fiscal deficit resulted in excessive growth in money supply and liquidity overhang creating pressure on demand.

[*Translation*]

Construction of Roads in Uttar Pradesh

5077. SHRI KASHIRAM RANA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state the names of the areas of Uttar Pradesh in which the construction work has been done under the scheme for roads of inter-State and economic importance during the year 1991-92?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT

(SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) The names of the districts in Uttar Pradesh in which construction work has been done under the scheme for roads of Inter-State and Economic importance during the year 1991-92 are Bareilly, Unnao and Ballia.

Legal Aid to Social Action Groups in States

5078. SHRI KASHIRAM RANA: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the Social Action Groups in States particularly in Gujarat provided with legal aid under legal aid scheme during the last three years;

(b) the areas of activities of these groups;

(c) whether any complaints about the working of these groups has been received; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM) (a) No financial assistance was sought from the Committee for implementing Legal Aid Schemes (CILAS) by any Social Action Group in Gujarat during the financial years 1988-89, 1989-90, and 1990-91.

A Statement containing the names of the Social Action Groups in other States which have been provided financial assistance by CILAS during the financial years 1988-89, 1989-90, and 1990-91 is enclosed.

(b) Social Action Groups normally organise Legal Aid Programmes in their District or State. The field of operation of the Social Action Groups is determined by their respective constitution.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) In view of reply to part (c), the question does not arise.